STAFFORDSHIRE FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

YFC Centre, County Showground, Weston Road, Stafford, ST18 0BD

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INFORMATION SHEET AND RULES

Staffordshire YFC Silage Competition

DATE: Saturday 12th February 2022

TIME: Teams to arrive **promptly** at 10.30am for booking in.

JUDGES: Senior – Steve Briggs (Representative from ACT Wessex Animal Health)
Intermediate – Will Gallimore
Junior – Johnny Wilson

STEWARDS: Phil Wilson and Amy Boothby

Clubs taking part:

ASHLEY A	ASHLEY B	ASHLEY C
CHASE A	CHASE B	CHASE C
ECCLESHALL	LEEK	LICHFIELD
STONE	UTTOXETER A	UTTOXETER B
UTTOXETER C	WATERHOUSES	

RULES: See page 2

VENUES: SIGNING IN AT 10.30am AT NEW THORNTREE FARM, HOBB LANE, MARCHINGTON WOODLANDS, ST14 8RF

Three clamps will be judged as follows:
1st Clamp at 10.45am – New Thorntree Farm, Hobb Lane, Marchington Woodlands, ST14 8RF by kind permission of the Wilson Family
2nd Clamp at 11.15am – New Buildings Farm, Lea Road, Admaston, WS15 3NR by kind permission of the Brown Family (WG Brown & Sons)
3rd Clamp at 11.45am – Blythe Bridge Hall Farm, Booth Lane, Kingstone, ST18 0LT by kind permission of the Holland Family

Lunch & Reason Giving: The Blythe Inn, Booth Lane, Kingstone, ST18 0LT (literally next door to 3rd farm). Food available, £8-10/person. (Lunch will be provided for our judges).

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE:

- Members must be joined (form into the office) no later than Wednesday 9th February 2022
- Any club who withdraws within 7 days of the competition will receive a £10 fine and -6 points
- Any members aged 17 years and under must complete a parental permission slip via JotForm no later than 12noon on Wednesday 9th February 2022
  https://form.jotform.com/220124562499356
- All members taking part must bring a current membership card (2021-22) containing their photo

Covid Responsibility

Anyone taking part is asked to not attend if they have any covid symptoms or feel unwell

Contact details on the day are Amy Boothby 07803 306009 or Phil Wilson 07415 105355

Remember that if you Club withdraws from a competition within 7 days of the day of the competition, then you will receive a £10 fine and -6 points from the Overall Competitions Cup ☹

Rules

Silage Competition – **Saturday 12th February 2021.** SCFYFC Rules. A team to consist of 3 competitors, 1 competitor 16 and under, 1 Competitor 21 and under and 1 28 or under on 1.9.21. Members may enter as individuals if a full team is not available.

1. The Silage competition shall comprise three clamps as to their suitability for winter-feed using the following assessment criteria to mark them:
   i. Dry Matter %
   ii. Effluent control
   iii. Soil contamination and quality of crop ensiled
   iv. Clamp filling, shoulders and consolidation
   v. Clamp sealing, sheets, nets and covers
   vi. Face management and clamp cleanliness
   vii. Top, side and shoulder waste
   viii. Usage rate and wastage feed-out
   ix. Visual quality assessment
   x. Overall Impression

   Each of the above points is marked by the competitor on a 0 – 5 scale.
   For the Senior and Intermediate section, competitors will also be required to calculate the clamp size.
2. Each competitor will be allowed 15 minutes to judge each silage clamp and complete a scorecard. The completed scorecard shall be handed to the Steward 15 minutes after judging each clamp.
3. Each competitor shall give reasons for their choice within a maximum of three minutes to the master judge. Marks will be deducted at 2 marks for every 15 seconds over or part thereof.
4. Certificates shall be awarded to the first three members in each Section of the Competition as well as the first three overall teams when junior, intermediate and senior marks are combined.
5. If there is a tie - the competitor presenting the best reasons in the opinion of the Judges shall be the winner.
6. The judges decision is final.
7. **SCALE OF MARKS**

Correct Assessment	50
(1 point will be deducted for each point of variation from the Master Judge's score)	
Placings	50
Accuracy of Observations	25
Positive Comparison	15
Style (including presentation of competitor)	10
Clamp Size Score (Intermediate and Senior only)	50
TOTAL PER COMPETITOR	150 (200 Intermediate & Senior)